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Biographical/Historical Note

John Sevier (Sr.) was born on September 23, 1745, in Augusta, Virginia. He served in the Revolutionary War and as the only governor of the State of Franklin in what is now eastern Tennessee. He also served in the Tennessee State Senate and the United States House of Representatives. John Sevier had ten children by his first wife: Joseph II, James, John Jr., Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary Ann, Valentine, Robert, Rebecca, and Nancy, and eight by his second wife, Catherine, George, Ruth, Joanna, Samuel, Polly, Eliza, and Robert.

John Sevier Jr. was born in Frederick, Virginia, on June 20, 1766, and with his second wife had seven children: Sarah, William, Samuel, James, Elizabeth, John Sevier III, and Thomas. With his third wife, he had eight: Sarah Hundley, John Garoutte, Elizabeth Conway, Sophia Smith Garoutte, Louisa Rebecca, Michael Robert, George, Anna Maria, Archibald McAfee, and Martha Ann.

John Sevier Jr.'s daughter, Sarah Hundley Sevier, married Robert Humphreys. Together, they had one daughter, Emmetta Humphreys. She was the administratrix of General John Sevier and John Sevier, Jr.'s, estates in a court battle to restore lands belonging to the Sevier family. The land had been taken by the United States government and ceded to American Indians. Sarah Hundley remarried after the death of her husband, and had one daughter, Martha E. Curry, who married William D. Wilden and settled in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

John Sevier, Jr.'s, daughter, Elizabeth Conway Sevier, married Charles Potter Byers, with whom she had two children.

John Sevier, Jr.'s, daughter, Martha Ann Sevier, married Thomas Potts Price. Their son, Frank J. Price, settled in Milford, Pennsylvania.

John Sevier, Jr.'s, son, Michael Robert Sevier, married Sarah Bayless, with whom he had six children: Elbridge Gerry, Sophia T., Jonathan, Leonidas, Robert Edward, and Sarah.

Sophia T. Sevier married Albert A. Mosley and settled in Mayflower, Arkansas. John, Jr.'s, youngest, Anna Maria, married Henry Hoss, with whom she had nine children. One of these, Martha (nicknamed Mattie), married Philander Prince and settled in Conway, Arkansas. Robert Edward (Bob), son of Michael Robert Sevier, also settled in Conway, while Leonidas settled in Oil Trough, Arkansas, and Elbridge Gerry settled in Houston, Arkansas.

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Collection Inventory

Personal correspondence

- 1. 1842 June 1: Charles Potter Byers to unknown
- 2. 1861 August 6: Dora Hoss, Jonesboro, Tennessee, to Bobbie, Mattie, and Elbridge, in Arkansas
- 3. 1868 April 19: Embree Elijah Hoss, Emory and Henry College, Virginia, to Sophia
- 4. 1879 October 9: Leonidas Sevier, Oil Trough, Arkansas, to Sophia Sevier Mosley
- 5. 1880 January 9: Leonidas Sevier, Oil Trough, Arkansas, to Sophia Sevier Mosley
- 6. 1880 January 30: Robert Edward Sevier, Conway, Arkansas, to Sophia Sevier Mosley
- 7. 1880 May 11: Robert Edward Sevier to unknown
- 8. 1900 October 20: B.F. and Lizzie Arora, Rushings Store, Mississippi, to Aunt Jerusha
- 9. 1904 June 12: Samuel Sevier, Kremmling, Colorado, to "My Dear Sister"
- 10. 1904 November 30: James L. Daugherty et al., Washington, Missouri, to President of the United States, Senate, and House of Representatives, Washington, District of Columbia
- 11. 1905 February 24: Emmetta Humphreys, to Court of Claims

- 12. 1905 February 25: Emmetta Humphreys, Washington, District of Columbia, to Cousin Billie
- 13. 1905 March 6: Emmetta Humphreys, Washington, District of Columbia, to Cousin Billie
- 14. 1905 April 7: Emmetta Humphreys, Washington, District of Columbia, to Cousin Elbridge Sevier
- 15. 1906 December 23: Emmetta Humphreys, Washington, District of Columbia, to Cousin Elbridge
- 16. 1907 February 1: John S. Sevier, Washington, District of Columbia, to "My Dear Sister"
- 17. 1907 February 8: Martha E. Wilden, Whitesboro, Texas, to Cousin Sophia
- 18. 1907 March 3: Martha Hoss Prince, Conway, Arkansas, to "My Dear Cousin"
- 19. 1907 March 20: Emmetta Humphreys, Washington, District of Columbia, Cousin Sophia
- 20. 1907 November 27: Samuel Sevier, Washington, District of Columbia, to "My Dear Sister"
- 21. 1912 January 12: Emmetta Humphreys, Washington, District of Columbia, to Cousin Sophia
- 22. 1908 October 22: Samuel Sevier, Kremmling, Colorado, to "My Dear Sister"
- 23. 1909 February 11: Martha E. Wilden, Catulla, Texas, to Cousin Sophia
- 24. 1909 March: Elbridge Gerry Sevier, Houston, Arkansas, to Sophia Mosley
- 25. 1909 March 4: Elbridge Gerry Sevier, Houston, Arkansas, to Sophia Mosley

- 26. 1909 April 9: Sophia Sevier Almore, Kremmling, Colorado, to Aunt Sophia and Family
- 27. 1909 November 16: Elbridge Gerry Sevier, Houston, Texas, to Sophia and family
- 28. 1914 January 29: Elbridge Gerry Sevier, Houston, Arkansas, to "My Dear Sister Sophia"
- 29. 1915 May 12: Elbridge Gerry Sevier, Houston, Arkansas, to Sophia T. Mosley, Mayflower, Arkansas
- 30. 1915 September 13: Maggie to Sophia Mosley, Mayflower, Arkansas
- 31. 1919 May 12: Elbridge Gerry Sevier, Willow, Arkansas, to Sophia and family
- 32. 1921 February 24: Mattie Hoss Prince, Conway, Arkansas, to Cousin Sophia
- 33. 1921 October 21: Emmetta Humphreys to "My Darling Sister"
- 34. 1923 June 20: Martha E. Wilden, Moonshine Hill, to Cousin Sophia
- 35. 1930 March 10: Martha E. Wilden, Oklahoma City, to Cousin Sophia
- 36. 1934 May 22: Martha E. Wilden, Oklahoma City, to Cousin Sophia
- 37. 1934 November 14: Martha E. Wilden, Oklahoma City, to Cousin Sophia Mosley
- 38. 1935 October 29: Frank J. Price, Milford, Pennsylvania, to Editor of the Sunday Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas

- 39. 1935 November 16: Frank J. Price, Milford, Pennsylvania, to Cousin Sophia
- 40. 19[?] October 5: Sophia J. Mosley, Perry, Arkansas, to "My dear Children"

Legal correspondence

41. 1903 October: Sophia J. Mosley, Faulkner County, Arkansas, granting Power of Attorney to Emmetta Humphreys, Sherman, Texas

Literary writings

- 42. Undated: Poem, "He Ate Not"
- 43. Undated: Poem, "Forty-Four Years Ago"
- 44. Undated: Poem, "The Dying Californian"
- 45. Undated: Poem, "Peace Be Still"
- 46. Undated: Poem, "Temperance," by D.J. Price
- 47. Undated: Poem, "The Streams of Life"
- 48. Undated: Paper, "Experiences of Great-Granddaughter of General John Sevier, During the Civil War in Arkansas," by Sophia Mosley, Mayflower, Arkansas
- 49. 1930-1934: Paper, "De Oozin' Blood," by Dorothy Starr

Newsclippings

- 50. Undated: "Stirring Events Marked the Tavern Days of the Old Sevier House on the Military Road"
- 51. Undated: "Faulkner County's First Court House," Log Cabin Democrat, Conway, Arkansas
- 52. 1935 October 20: "The Old Sevier Inn," Arkansas Gazette
- 53. 1952 July 20: "Landmarks of Yesteryear"
- 54. Undated: "The Stage Coach Inn," by Katie Callum
- 55. Undated: "Approximate Description of Stage Coach Inn"
- 56. 1909 January 7: "Tribute to Dr. A.C. Hoss"
- 57. 1922 October: "Former Faulkner County Judge is Dead"
- 58. 1923 April 12: "County is Fifty Years Old Today"
- 59. 1935 February: "News of Other Days"
- 60. Undated: Untitled
- 61. Undated: "Death of Sam'l Sevier in Colorado," Springdale, Arkansas
- 62. Undated: "Native Conway Boy War Correspondent"

Genealogy

- 63. Undated: Short history, Sarah Hawkins Sevier, by Mary Hoss Headman
- 64. Undated: Partial record, Sevier family births and deaths
- 65. Undated: Sevier descendants list